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SUBJECT: PRESS INTEREST IN IRANIAN COURT CASE

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY SAGINAW NEWS, SAGINAW BAY CITY, MICHIGAN THAT A WARRANT WAS ISSUED FOR THE ARREST OF AN IRANIAN STUDENT, ABBASS A. ESFAHANI IN THE RAPE SLAYING OF AN AMERICAN COED AT DELTA COLLEGE, SAGINAW BAY CITY, MICHIGAN. SLAYING OCCURRED JUNE 15, 1974. ACCORDING TO SAGINAW NEWS, ESFAHANI, WHO WAS ALSO A STUDENT AT DELTA COLLEGE, HAD RETURNED TO IRAN BEFORE WARRANT ISSUED FOR HIS ARREST. THE PAPER HAS HEARD THAT ESFAHANI WAS ARRESTED BY IRANIAN AUTHORITIES AUGUST 18 IN TEHRAN AS HE BOARDED A PLANE TO RETURN TO THE U.S. THEY BELIEVE HE IS BEING HELD FOR TRIAL IN IRAN.

2. PAPER WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ON IRANIAN CRIMINAL PROCEDURES WHICH APPLY IN THIS CASE AND ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATUS OF CASE (I.E., WHAT ESFAHANI IS BEING CHARGED WITH, WHAT MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SENTENCES ARE, WHERE HE IS BEING HELD, WHEN AND WHERE TRIAL WILL BE, ETC.). KISSINGER

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